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CHAIR FOR HEALTHY SITTING

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This application claims priority to provisional application no. $60/\underline{494881}$, filed on August 13, 2003.

Field of the Invention

- 7 [01] The present invention relates to an apparatus for
- 8 healthy and corrective sitting. In particular, the
- 9 invention relates to a chair for meditative or conventional
- 10 sitting that promotes correct back and lower body posture,
- 11 which allows for greater comfort.

12 Background of the Invention

- [02] In traditional forms of meditation there exist
- 14 two major positions for sitting, the lotus position and the
- 15 seiza position. In the lotus position (as shown in Figure
- 16 6), the individual's legs are crossed and lay in front of
- 17 the hips. Another position is known as the seiza position
- in which the individual kneels with his or her buttocks
- 19 resting on the heels (as shown in Figure 5). Due to
- 20 muscle, bone or joint related complications, many
- 21 individuals wishing to engage in meditation, especially
- 22 beginners, find it difficult to sit in either pose for
- 23 extended periods of time without developing pain or
- 24 restricting circulation in the legs. Thus, many sitting



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